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Recommendations for Handling of Dead Birds



Do **NOT** pick up diseased or dead wildlife **unless** instructed to do so by local government authority or state/federal agency

- Call Dead Bird Hotline at **1-888-551-INFO (4636)**
- Or the Office of the County Veterinarian at (858) 694-2838

If instructed to pick up dead birds:

1. Do not touch the dead bird with bare hands
2. Wear waterproof gloves
3. Place a plastic bag over the dead bird and use the bag to pick up the bird
4. Close the bag around the bird and tie closed
5. Place the bagged bird inside another plastic bag and tie closed
6. Then follow the directions of the contacted agency for placement or disposal of the dead bird
7. Wash hands with soap and water
8. Do not rub eyes, eat, drink, or smoke before washing hands with soap and water



General rules regarding wild birds

- Avoid touching wildlife.
- Observe wildlife, including wild birds, from a distance
- These measures protect you from possible exposure to pathogens and minimize disturbance to the birds

